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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 12, starting at line 24 with the following paragraph:

The pharmaceutical agent (antibacterial agent, anti-inflammatory agent etc.) should retain its solid particulate form in the melt-processing temperature of the matrix because of its melting or decomposition temperature being higher than the melting temperature of the matrix.

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